

## **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claims 1-10 and 12, and add new claims 13-19, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~bidding~~ soliciting bids for outsourced offering pharmaceutical or medical device ~~good goods or service~~ services for to a client requesting said goods ~~and~~ or services, said method comprising:

(a) posting a proprietary template descriptive of said good or service to an interactive online bidding site;

(b) categorizing each said good or service by at least one term describing a characteristic of said good or service and searchable by a first entity; and

(c) ~~(b)~~ accepting from ~~[[a]]~~ the first entity a bid to provide said good or service ~~from a registered provider of said good or service.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 further comprising, in response to a request from a second entity ~~to the server identifying a given good or service up for bid,~~ identifying a current set of bids for said good or service.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 ~~where~~ wherein the client can observe live bidding ~~for the project on the internet for~~ providing said good or service.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said provider of a good or service is a contract service organization with expertise in the ~~project~~ good or service under consideration.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said client is a member selected from ~~the~~ a group consisting of a developer or manufacturer of a medical device, a developer or manufacturer of a medical

procedure, a developer or manufacturer of a diagnostic agent, a developer or manufacturer of a therapeutic agent and combinations thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 ~~where~~ wherein access to the ~~web~~ site is by secure means and ~~bidding process is restricted to~~ bids are accepted from authorized users only.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 ~~where~~ wherein the an identity of the ~~sponsor~~ client may be optionally disclosed to bidders or potential bidders.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein potential bidders are notified through an electronic message of a new opportunity to bid ~~the availability of all new auctions or only those auctions~~ a bid opportunity matching a predetermined profile of contract service organization abilities or interests.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, ~~where~~ wherein potential bidders determine the availability of new ~~auctions~~ opportunities to bid by viewing a web page showing all new ~~auctions~~ opportunities to bid or ~~only those auctions~~ a bid opportunity matching a predetermined profile of contract service organization abilities or interests.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer site for a supplier of a good or service to bid on a client request for bids on said good or service, said site comprising at least one web computer server serving a plurality of computer browsers and enabling said browsers ~~with~~ to participate in at least one bidding cycle, wherein said at least one bidding cycle is initiated by a client requesting entry of bids by suppliers of a good or service, said web server communicating with a separate database computer separated from said web server by a firewall, said database computer being accessible to said at least one web computer server to allow retrieval of information relevant to said good or service open for bid, said web server computer including application software for bidding on said good or service open for bid by:

- (a) displaying to each said browser during a bidding cycle a parameter for said good or service up for bid;
- (b) displaying to each said browser a current bid for said good or service up for bid, and a measure of time remaining in said bidding cycle;
- (c) providing a user control for indicating instructions to enter a bid to provide said good or service open for bid; and
- (d) updating to each said browser said current bid and said measure of time remaining in said bidding cycle to provide dynamic feedback to each said browser.

11. (Original) The computer site according to claim 10 wherein said database computer is accessible to said at least one web computer server to allow retrieval of information relevant to said supplier of a good or service.

12. (Currently Amended) A system for an interactive electronic Exchange between a client desiring to acquire a good or service and a provider of said good or service, said Exchange providing information to said provider about said good or service desired by said client and further allowing said supplier to enter a bid for providing said good or service, said system comprising:

- (a) a host computer network including a database server that electronically stores and organizes data relevant to said good or service;
- (b) a display component for displaying information to a user, said display component connected to a wide area network for inputting data about a first good or service desired by a client, wherein said good or service has a first ~~parameter~~ searchable term associated therewith; and
- (c) a server connected to a wide area network for storing said first ~~parameter~~ searchable term.

13. (New) An apparatus, comprising: a computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon that, when executed by a processor, causes the processor to:

receive from a first entity at least one search term describing a characteristic of a pharmaceutical or medical good or service;

provide a description of said good or service to said first entity;  
and  
accept from said first entity a bid to provide said good or service.

14. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said medium comprises a modulated carrier signal.

15. (New) A system, comprising:  
a first electronic device operable to receive from a first entity at least one search term describing a characteristic of a pharmaceutical or medical good or service, provide a description of said good or service to said first entity, and accept from said first entity a bid to provide said good or service; and  
a second electronic device operable to store said description.

16. (New) A method, comprising:  
receiving from a first entity at least one search term describing a characteristic of a pharmaceutical or medical good or service;  
providing a description of said good or service to said first entity;  
and  
accepting from said first entity a bid to provide said good or service.

17. (New) The method of claim 16 wherein said first entity comprises contract service organization (CSO) operable to perform all or a portion of a clinical trial to enable commercialization of a pharmaceutical or medical agent, procedure or device.

18. (New) The method of claim 17 wherein said CSO is operable to perform one or more tasks of the following group:  
literature reviews, meta-analysis, prepare and submit INDs, perform medical writing, author manuscripts, edit for publication, organize meetings with regulatory agencies, and attend meetings with regulatory agencies.

19. (New) The method of claim 16 wherein said characteristic comprises one or more constituents of the following group:  
number of arms, blinding, use of passive controls, use of active controls, sample sizes, length of trial, number of centers, trial phase, therapeutic area, endpoints and evaluation thereof, manufacture, distribution, marketing and/or sales of a drug product or medical device, combinatorial chemistry research services, screening assays research services, and genome research services.